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Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center Set to Begin Stimulus Projects

Coatesville, PA – September 17, 2009 – As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center has been funded for three new construction projects. These projects will not only enhance the care provided by the medical center, but will also bring money and work to the local economy. These three projects are expected to be awarded to service disabled veteran-owned small businesses. They should be completed by winter, 2010.

The largest of the three projects is a 2.2 million dollar pharmacy modernization. This project will relocate the pharmacy to more convenient space for patient access and will expand it to 6,000 square feet. The renovation will also include a 4,500 square foot space below the patients' area that will house storage, shipping and receiving, inventory breakdown, emergency dispensing and administration spaces. The two areas will be connected by a freight elevator.

The second project will upgrade the facility's central steam plant. The project will provide a computerized control and monitoring system, which will improve overall boiler operations and increase the plant reliability. The system will increase energy efficiency, and reduce fossil fuel consumption as well as operating costs. The project will cost approximately \$725,000.

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The third project will correct electrical deficiencies. It will replace or upgrade much of the aging electrical infrastructure throughout the medical center. The project will provide a safer, more reliable electrical system. It will cost approximately \$690,000.

The purpose of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate, is to create and save jobs, jump start our economy, and build the foundation for long-term economic growth. The act includes measures to modernize the nation's infrastructure, enhance America's energy independence, expand educational opportunities, increase access to health care, provide tax relief and protect those in greatest need.

About Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center is an integrated health care system dedicated to providing the best in care and services to our Veterans. CVAMC offers mental health care, primary care, geriatrics and extended care, specialty and women's health care, and pharmacy and social work services to both inpatients and outpatients. CVAMC operates community based outpatient clinics in Springfield and Spring City, PA. The medical center serves Veterans in 53 counties in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware.

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